Sports bodies headed by non-professionals

*309. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the sports bodies in India are being headed by non-professionals and non-sportspersons;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the current practice in other sporting nations such as China, USA and Russia;

(d) whether Government intend to change the leadership of sports bodies to bring professionalism in sports; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The National Sports Federation (NSFs) are registered autonomous organisations and their office bearers are elected as per their respective Constitutions/Memoranda of Association. On the basis of the information received from 56 NSFs, Presidents of approximately 70% NSFs have a sports background. Most of them are sports administrators and have extensive experience of working in the field of sports.

(c) the requisite information regarding China, USA and Russia is not available. In general, National Sports Federations are a part of the Olympic movement or are governed by the respective World Bodies. They have to adhere to the broad guidelines of the Olympic Charter and the guidelines of their respective National Olympic Committees and World Sports Bodies of the sport concerned.

(d) Sports figures in the 'State List' of the constitution and the Central Government do not have mandate to legislate on this matter.

(e) Does not arise.

Metro train service at night

*310. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of metro trains operating in the capital at present and the average number of passengers travelling daily in those trains; and